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Relating to the

HISTORY

OF THE

Council of TRENT.

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HENRY REYNELL,

Of Shepperton, Esq;

S I R,

I Have had several Intimations of your
Desire that those Papers might be made
publick, which I received from the
hands of your Father-in-law Mr. *Basil
Brent*, and his Excellent Lady after his
Decease ; which I had sooner comply'd

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with,

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with, but that I was in hopes to find more Memoirs relating to the same Affair in some hand or other, that so being printed together they might make a more considerable Volume ; or else that I might take hold of the Opportunity of adding these as an Appendix to the next Edition of the *History of the Council of Trent*. But after a long and diligent Enquiry, I found that the first was not to be obtain'd, and that there was no likelihood of a new Impression of that excellent History during my Life-time ; and therefore I resolv'd rather to publish them alone, than to run the risque of their being utterly lost. For tho' at the first view they may appear of no great moment, and too inconsiderable an Entertainment for a judicious and learned Reader ; yet when carefully perused, they will be found useful to discover some Truths which otherwise might have been conceal'd, to clear up some Transactions which have not been well understood, to rectify some Mistakes, and to set us right in several material Passages

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ges relating to the *History of the Council of Trent*. They will give us a taste of the Management of the Inquisition; they will inform us at whose Costs this useful Work was procur'd, by whom translated, and how agreeable to the Original, by what means transmitted to us, and with what Prudence and Conduct the whole Affair was managed; and what Danger Sir *Nathaniel Brent* expos'd himself to for the Service of the Church, and to advance the Interest of the Protestant Religion. And if a Sketch of *Michael Angelo* or *Raphael* will always be esteemed more valuable than the finish'd Pieces of more Modern Painters; methinks the Letters of Archbishop *Abbot* and Father *Fulgentio*, should not miss of a favourable Reception from the Learned and Ingenious Reader; especially because there cannot be the least question made of their being genuine: For the Original Papers are in my Hands, and shall be carefully transmitted to the Archives of the *Bodleian Library*, to be perused
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by those who are curious in such Matters.

And in truth, whoever considers how History has been prostituted by many of our Modern Writers, what false Colours have been laid upon the Transactions of this as well as of the former Age, and in what a different manner the most known and publick Actions are represented ; must needs set the greater value on the least Pamphlet which appears in its native Dress and Purity.

For my part, in transcribing these Papers, I chose rather to publish the very Faults of the Original, than to make any Alteration in them ; and being at some distance from the Press, I have desired the Assistance of a Friend, a Master of the *Italian* Tongue, both in the Translation, and in correcting the Press ; and if I have done any thing which may be of use to the Publick,

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lick, and acceptable to You, I shall be
very well fatisfy'd, whatever Censures
may pass upon

S I R,

Your humble Servant
to command,

Lewis Atterbury.

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of God. By *Madam la Valier*. Translated from
the *French*.

To Basil Brent *Esq;* at his House in
Hanlope, Bucks.

S I R,

THese are to return you many Thanks for
your kind Entertainment at your House,
and for the Favour of sending me the Papers re-
lating to the History of the Council of *Trent*: I am
very much concern'd that no more of them can be
found; and the rather, because I fear this Treasure
is irrecoverably lost. I have only one Favour
more to request of you; which is, that you would
be pleased to recollect your Memory, and send me
in Writing what you know more which is material
in this Affair; for I remember I have heard you
formerly discourse of it; and I would have nothing
lost which may redound to the Credit and Honour
of your Family; who am

S I R,

Your obliged Kinsman,

and humble Servant,

Lewis Atterbury.

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To

To the Reverend Dr. Atterbury, these.

S I R,

What I can say of Father *Paul* is but little material; however, to satisfy your desire, I send you this Account, viz. That my Father (having been once before at *Venice*) was sent by *George Abbot* Arch-Bishop of *Canterbury*, a second time, on purpose to procure the History of the Council of *Trent*, where he fell into Acquaintance with *Padre Paulo* and *Padre Fulgentio* (two famous Fathers who sat in that Council) who were the Persons who compos'd the History of that Council, and my Father sent it over weekly as they compos'd it, to the Arch-Bishop in *Italian*; to whose hands it came after five or six Supercriptions to other Persons for the greater Security; And when he had sent it all over, he came over himself, and translated it out of *Italian* into *English* and *Latin*. My Father sent to them to desire the Favour of them to send him their Pictures, which they did accordingly, drawn upon Canvass half way; and my Father put them into plain black Frames. I had them in my possession some time, but they were burnt in my Lodgings in *Fleetstreet*, in the great Fire at *London*, I being then in the Country. I've heard my Father say, that he believ'd they were Protestants

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Protestants in their Hearts, tho' they durst not own it; or else they might have discover'd the Bu-
siness he came about, which might have cost him
his Life in the Inquisition. I rest,

S I R,

Your very humble Servant,

Basil Brent.

*To Mr. John Brent, an English Gentleman,
at Padua.*

S I R,

OUT of the respect I bear you as my Coun-
tryman, I could do no less (having under-
stood of your being at *Padua*) than to give you
notice of an Accident lately befallen me, the
knowledge whereof doth much concern you. It
happened of late that I came to *Milan*, (being the
29th of this present Month) where I had not
made aboad for one Day, but towards the Evening
came into the Inn, where I lay, certain Officers,
who demanded for *English*-men lodged in that
House. The Host answered them, that there
was only one, and withal shewed them my Cham-
ber, into which they were no sooner entred, but
they told me that they were sent by the *Father*

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Inquisitor's Command, to have me come to him. I knowing there was no way to avoid those fore-laid Snares, went with them, tho' with heavy Chear, where I was no sooner come, but the *Inquisitor* took me apart into a retired Chamber, and began to examine me, first, if I were an *English* Man? to whom I answered, Yes: Secondly, if I had not been a Student in the University of *Oxford*? I told him I had been many times in *Oxford*, but never any Scholar there. Hereupon he demanded me, from whence I came? I told him, from *Rome*; What I had done there? I answered him, for to visit that Holy Place, and that in my way I had likewise passed by *Madonna di Loretto*, where I spent two Days in Devotion. No sooner heard he me say so, but presently reply'd, It seems by your Actions you should be a good Christian. To which I answered, I should be exceeding sorry to be otherwise, and that I did rather desire to die, than not to live a good Catholick. All this I said (tho' false) in regard I imagin'd it might serve my turn for the present to imprint a good conceit of me in him. This Discourse was no sooner ended, but he began a-new to examine me more strictly, if I knew in *Italy* any of my Nation who were *Hereticks*. To which I answer'd him, not any that I could directly say to be so, in regard I did not know any that did not usually frequent Churches and Religious Places. No! (quoth he) do not you know one called *Giovanni Brent Oxoniensis*, who is already come, or will shortly come into *Italy*, in company of divers young *English* Gentlemen?

I told him, No; tho' I had heard of you. I thought (quoth he) that you had been the Man; for I have had particular notice from those Parts where you come, that such an *English*-man should pass, who, as I understand, is a great Enemy to the Catholick Cause, and very dangerous, for as much as he comes as a Spy into this Country, rather to give false and scandalous Relations at his Return home, of Catholicks, and their manner of living, than for any Curiosity to see the Country: And after a long and tedious Invective against such malicious Persons (to use his own Terms) who, as he said, were fitter Fuel for the Fire, than to live among Christians. He concluded, that he would not be wanting in his Endeavours to be inform'd that there were such a Man as your self in *Italy*, as likewise any such of the like sort, that by rewarding such as you according to their Merits, he might do God and poor persecuted Catholicks good Service; and so after a friendly Admonition to continue firm in the Catholick Faith, with a Paternal Benediction, I gave him a long Scrape of the Leg, and departed. The Fear and Apprehension I had to undergo some unlucky Misfortune struck so deep an Impression in me, that it hath altogether changed my Resolution in my Journey; for whereas I purposed to go through all *Italy*, I have now changed my Mind (to prevent the Malice of future Times) intending to go through *Switzerland* into *Germany*; having spent only five Months in *Italy* which was but in *Genoa*, and Places *circumvoisini*. If I have been tedious in this Relation,

pardon

pardon me, in regard I have sought to expresse each Particularity of the aforesaid Interrogatories (tho' but of small moment) were they but to resolve you in all doubts, and to clear you in what my Brevity in Writing might give error to your Understanding. However (I being a *True Englishman* as you are, and hating all Traytors) I could do no less than give you notice hereof, to the end that being forewarn'd, you might through your own discretion be armed against their treacherous Combinations, and live to know me for your Friend, with whom, tho' I have not had the Honour to be acquainted, yet the good Report I have heard of you and your Vertues, have oblig'd me eternally,

Milan the 26th of
June 1614.

Yours to be commanded,

John Renalds.

*To my very Loving Friend Mr. Nathaniel
Brent at the House of Mr. Daniel Nice,
give these.*

S *Alutem in Christo.* I am glad that you are safely arrived whither you desired to go. I have received your Letters, and the *Canzoni* inclosed, which are twelve in number, whereof I shall make such use as is fit. I have not acquainted the
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Greatest with any thing of your Person, nor with the Matter so much desired; so that you may confidently tell your two good Friends, that they need to dread nothing. And I may say in general, that there is no Man living to whom I have made known any thing in this Matter, saving to you; only in general the Old Man that liveth with me understandeth of my desire to get what I can appertain- ing to those Songs. Persist, I pray you, in that course which you have begun, and so commending me unto you, and wishing you to live as privately as you can, I rest

Lambeth, June
21. 1618.

Your very loving Friend,

G. Cant.

To my very loving Friend Mr. Nathaniel
Brent, give these.

Salutem. At the time of the writing of this Letter I have received four several Bundles, and in them forty and nine Canzoni in the whole. Things are here carry'd on with that Quietness, that there is no Speech at all of that wherein we labour. I am glad to hear that there is some hope, that by the first of October, or thereabout, the whole Course of this Musick may be perfect.
Commend

Commend me to our two good Friends, to whom I wish Health and Happiness. And so letting you know that all is well here, and that I do only communicate these Affairs unto my old Guest, I remain

Lambeth, July
15. 1618.

Your very loving Friend,

G. Cant.

*To my loving Friend Mr. Nathaniel Brent,
a Daniel Nice.*

S*Alutem in Christo.* The Canzoni which are come to my hands are to the full number of 104. He is an excellent Musician that frameth them, and when they are put into one Body, will give a great deal of Contentment to all skilful in that kind. Commend me to the Author, and to his Fellow, and tell them, that as all things have come safely hither, so it is carry'd here with such privacy as is fit. I commend me unto you, and rest

Croydon, Aug.
10. 1618.

Your loving Friend,

G. Cant.

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To my very loving Friend Mr. Nathaniel
Brent, give these.

A Daniel Nice Ven.

Good Mr. Brent,

IT is fit that as you give account, so you receive account: And therefore I let you know, that the *Canzoni* which be come unto my hands at this present Day, are 154; and I do find by them, that there is no Musician which is skilful in his Art, but must give great Approbation to them. Commend me to the Compositors, and so hoping to see you here before the Days be very short, or the Ways be very foul, I remain

Croydon, Septemb.
9. 1618.

Your very loving Friend,

G. Cant.

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*To my very loving Friend Mr. Nathaniel
Brent, give these, at Venice.*

Al Signior Daniel Nice Ven.

Good Mr. Brent,

I Have received all the Packets which you have sent unto me, so that there is in my hands the full Story, with the End and Conclusion thereof, being within three of 200 Speeches; so that you shall not need to make any longer stay about that Matter, the Packets coming most happily from the beginning to the end without Impeachment. The Old Man, which was my Guest when you departed, doth tell me that there be some other things in the hands of our two good Friends, that are worth the transcribing. You shall do well to learn what they be, altho' not to stay for any of them, unless it should be some small things which might be writ out in very few Days: For I would have you to return with the best and first Commodity, unless some Occasion of your own do detain you there or elsewhere. I pray you commend my Love to those two honest Men, and let them know, that as I hold this a great Work for God's Glory, so I shall be ready to serve them upon all occasions, and will take care that this Business shall
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be exte~~r~~ously handled, according as it is fit. So
commending me unto you, and hoping to see you
here shortly, I leave you to the Almighty.

From Croydon, Sep-
tember 24. 1618.

Your very loving Friend

G. Cant.

Al Molto Illustre Signore & Padrone
Signore Nathanael Brent.

Molt' Illustre Sign' Padrone Colmo,

*M*I capita la gratissima Lettera di V. S. M. Illustre
delli 30 del passato Decembre dalla quale inten-
dendo la memoria, che di noi tiene, non potrei esplicarli
quanto grande contento ci apportì. Ella e bene in ciò
da noi ricompensato; perche oltre la fresca memoria,
spessevolte anco raggioniamo di lei racordando la sua
sincerita & fede; & nelli mesi passati habbiamo hauuta
occasione di far ogni giorno mentione di lei, con gran
risentimento, temendo per la mala congiuntura de tempi,
& pessima dispositione de potenti, che non terminasse il
negotio di quel degnissimo & sempre memorando personag-
gio, che V. S. sa essere da noi con singolare affettione
stimato & riverito, in qualche fine, che contristasse in
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estremo tutti li ben' intentionati, & facesse trionfare, li nemici della verita nella gloria de loro attentati, tanto potenti contro la verita & chiesa, per la cecita di chi douerebbe uegliare, & per li nostri gran peccati. Le cose del mondo uanno per tutto molto male, secondo il nostro giudicio, & pare che l' ira di Dio habbi leuata la mente, & dato in senso reprobò molti che doueriano per li gran beneficii riceuuti essere li piu zelanti; facciamo continue preghiere, che piaccia a S. D. Majesta congiungere colla sua gloria anco qualche miglioramento dello stato presente, ben che vene sia puoca verisimilitudine, ma piu tosto di peggioramento; Ma Dio puo fare piu che noi possiamo intendere. Aspettiamo con molto desiderio che arrivino qui li libri delle Lettioni Mathematiche di quel segnalato gentil huomo eccitato da Dio a cosi piamente applicare li suoi studii & faculta; & preghiamo V. S. di renderli per noi affettuosissime gratie dell' honore che ci ha fatto in stimarci degni di uedere l' opere sue, & offerir li il nostro riuerente seruitio in tutte le occasioni. Ho letto il Concilio nella lingua Inglese trasportato dal Italiano con gran facilità & felicità, & ueggo bene che l' interprete ci e stato cosi fisso anco alle frasi, che ha uoluto piu tosto lasciare la bellezza della lingua natia, che scostarsi dalle leggi d' interprete. Il suo desiderio di far l'istesso di qualche altro libro Italiano merita lode, ma io non saprei dirle qual meritasse una tale fatica; per che in fatti non ui e cosa, oue non si per trouare molta paglia con pochissimo grano, & molta uanità & superstitione con poca sodezza. Prego V. S. di fare le nostre humilissime salutationi a quel Signore tanto degno; quale
Dio

Dio corrobora col suo Spirito a resistere alle potentie delle tenebre, & conserue V. S. in longa felicità, & di tutto affetto le bacciamo le mani.

*Padua li 17 Feb-
aro 1622.*

Di V. S. M. Illustrè

Devotissimo Servitore,

J. F.

*To the Right Worshippful my most Esteemed
Friend Sir Nath. Brent, in London.*

Honoured Sir, and my most Esteemed Friend,

HAVING received your most obliging Letter of the 30th of *December* last, and by it been made sensible of the kind Remembrance you have of us, I am not able to express the Satisfaction it has given us. This Kindness of yours is fully answered on our part; for besides this late particular Occasion of doing it, we do very frequently discourse of you, and call to mind your Sincerity and Fidelity: And during these several Months last past, we have had occasion every day of mentioning you with great concern, fearing lest, through
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the Unhappiness of the Times, and the evil Dispositions of Great Men, the Affair of that most worthy and ever-renown'd Person, for whom you know we have so particular an Esteem and Reverence, should have such a Conclusion as would occasion the greatest Grief imaginable to all well-disposed Persons, and cause the Enemies of the Truth to triumph in the Success of their Attempts, who are so powerful against the Truth and the Church, through his Blindness who ought to be more vigilant, and for the Punishment of our Sins. Publick Affairs, in my opinion, go very ill every where. The Wrath of God seems to have taken away Reason, and given a Reprobate Sense to many, who ought, upon account of the great Blessings they have received, to have been more zealous. Let us make it our constant Prayer, that it would please his Divine Majesty to promote his own Glory by some Amendment in the present State of Affairs; of which, tho' there is yet but very little likelihood, but rather of their growing worse, yet God can do more than we are able to conceive.

We expect with great impatience the Arrivall of the Books of Mathematical Lectures, of that Eminent Gentleman, whom God has stirr'd up so piously to imploy his Studies and Abilities; and we desire you to return him our most hearty Thanks for the Honour he has done us in esteeming us worthy of the Sight of his Works, and to offer him our most humble Service upon all occasions.

I have read the Council in *English*, translated from the *Italian*, with great Pleasure and Advantage; and I plainly see that the Translator has kept so close to the very Phrase of the Original, that he was willing rather to fail in giving it the Beauties of his own Language, than not strictly to observe the Rules of a Translation. His desire of doing the same with some other *Italian* Author, is what deserves Commendation; but I know not whether there may be any that deserve the Pains that such a Performance will require: For in truth there is none wherein a Man will not find a great deal of Chaff, and but very little Corn, much Vanity and Superstition mix'd with little solid Matter.

Pray, Sir, give our most humble Service to that worthy Gentleman, whom God Almighty strengthen with his Spirit to resist the Powers of Darkness: And may the same good God long preserve you happy. I most affectionately kiss your Hand, who am

Padua, Feb. 17.
1622.

S I R,

Your most devoted Servant,

J. F.

Al

Al molto Illustre Signore & Padrone obser-
vantissimo Signore Nathanel Brent.

Molt' Illustre Signore, Padrone colmo,

*L'Amore fa comuni tutte le cose, particolarmente li
piaceri & dispiaceri. Per questo hauendo qui in-
teso, che V. S. M. Illustre e stata proueduta di stato ho-
noreuole con circonstanza anco di boni di fortuna di
molta conditione & commodita, ne habbiamo sentita
quella consolatione, che una tale promotione potesse par-
torire in animi a V. S. sincerissimamente benaffettionati,
& con questa vengo a congratularmene seco per nome del
Sr. M. & mio con tutto l' affetto, essendo sicuri, che tutto
quello, che Dio dispone in vostra Signoria e argomento
di quella paterna beneuolentia, che singularmente porta
ai suoi eletti in Jesu Christo. Rendiamo per tanto
gratie a S. D. M. & ci rallegriamo di cuore con V. S.
Si sono intese qui le cadute del Arciuescouo di Spala-
to, che tali sono le sue gran uanità & scioccherie,
con tanto dispiacere & confusione de suoi, & di quelli
che non hauurebbono mai potuto credere tanta malitia in
lui, & percio hanno o scritto per lui, o commendatolo,
che non so quando mai accadisse cosa di maggior uergogna,
o piu impensata. Quello che e uenuto a nostra notitia
e, che di longa mano praticato dall' Ambassadore Gon-
demar*

demar con gran promesse & artifici, finalmente hauendo risolta la partita per Roma, egli medesimo per sue lettere n' habbia dimandato licenza & passaporto a S. M. dalla quale era stato fatto costituire come Reo d' hauere trattato con Prencipe esterno inscio Domino. Ma che l' istesso Ambassadore deposta la maschera della segretezza apertamente demandaua alla detta Maesta del Re licenza per il sudetto, & che per la grand autorita, che ha sopra il cuore di quella Maesta l'a ottenerebbe. Questo e quello in somma che noi habbiamo saputo; onde mi nasce grandissimo desiderio d' intendere la particolarita di questo fatto, & in che termine si trovi questo negotio, & oue V. S. pensi che finalmente debba capitare, massime se sia nerisimile che il Re conceda a Gondemar dette licentia. Per la qual cosa io la prego con molto affetto di farmi il fauore di scrivermine quel tanto che stimara conueniente. Delle cose del mondo io non le scrivo, perche son in cosi cattivi termini, che senza qualche straordinario mezzo che Dio adopera in solleuatione della sua chiesa & causa comune, non si vede euitabile un gran pregiudicio, & un spauenteuole accrescimento del nemico. La nostra parte e colle continue preghiere a racomandare a S. D. M. la sua causa, quella de' Prencipi risvegliarsi a cognoscere gl' inganni, & de gran personaggi adjutar l' opera colli buoni consigli, & col scuoprir il male, e l' offesa che il bene publico riceue. La preghiamo di fare la nostra humilissime & riverentissime salutationi a quel Personagio che

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*fa essere da noi così singolarmente riverito & amato;
& a V. S. M. illustre con tutto l' affetto bacio le mani &
prego colmo della divina benedizion.*

*Vine li 25 April
1622.*

Di V. S. M. Illustre

Devotissimo & cordmo Servitore,

J. F.

*To the Right Worshipful my most Esteemed
Friend Sir Nathaniel Brent, in London.*

Right Worshipful, and my most Respected Friend,

LOve makes all things common, especially such things as occasion Satisfaction or Uneasiness. And thence it was, that upon the news of your Advancement to an honourable Station, with Circumstances answerably creditable and advantageous, we were sensible of all the Satisfaction that such a Preferment could create in Minds most sincerely well affected towards you. And with this Transport of Joy, I do in Signior Padre's, and my own Name, most heartily congratulate with you, being fully persuaded that all this that
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God has bestowed upon you, is a Token of that Fatherly Kindness which he bears in a particular manner towards those who are his Elect in Jesus Christ. Permit us therefore to return Thanks to his Divine Majesty, and heartily to congratulate with you.

We have had an account here of what has happened to the Arch-Bishop of *Spalato*, that such have been his Vanity and Levity, and so much to the Grief and Confusion of his Friends, who could never have believed him capable of so much Wickedness, and therefore had either written on his behalf, or given Recommendations of him; that I know not whether ever any thing could have happened either more shameful, or more surprizing. The Account that we have received is, that having been dealt with for a long time by the Ambassador *Gondemar*, by large Promises and other Artifices, and having at last resolved upon his departure for *Rome*, he himself, by Letter, desired leave, and a Passport from the King, and was thereupon indicted as a Criminal, for holding Correspondence with a foreign Prince, without acquainting the King with it. That hereupon the said Ambassador, putting off the Mask under which he secretly practised, openly demanded of the King leave for the said Arch-Bishop, and that by the great Authority he has over the Mind of that Prince, he is like to obtain it.

This is, in short, the Account we have received, and which makes me extremely desirous to know the Particulars of this matter, and how this Busi-

ness stands, and how you think it will at last end, especially whether it be likely that the King will grant him leave to depart upon *Gondemar's* Request: And therefore I most earnestly desire you to favour me with what account you shall judge proper for you to give of this matter.

I write nothing concerning the present State of Publick Affairs, because they are in so wretched a Condition that, without some extraordinary means which God may make use of, for the Relief of his Church and the Common Cause, a very great Calamity, and dreadful Increase of the Enemy seem unavoidable. 'Tis our Duty by continual Prayers to recommend to his Divine Majesty his own Cause, that of Princes; that they may awake, and become sensible how they are imposed upon; and that of Great Men, that they may further the Work by good Advice, and consider the Damage and Scandal the Publick sustains.

We desire you to present our most humble and hearty Service to that Gentleman, for whom you know we have so particular an Esteem and Affection: And to your self, Sir, I give my most hearty Service, and wish all the Blessings of Heaven, who am

Venice, April
15. 1622.

Your most Devoted, and most
Affectionate Servant,

F.

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A Copy of a Letter to Padre Fulgentio.

Molto R^{do}. Signore, Padron mio Oss^{mo},

IO ho sentito dire qu' il Galeno (quel gran Medico) e adesso nella stampa a Venetia, supplico vostra Reverentia di dar mi informatione si tutte le sue opere saranno stampate, ouero alcune parti solamente, con quali note, & apparato, & del suo nome qui lo fa stampare, cio e tutto lo stato di quel negotio. Non e nissuno qui che potra informarsi in questo affare meglio di vostra Reverentia, ne anche a chi io ho put gran uoglia di star in obbligo che a lei, juxta illud, Ingenui animi est, cui multum debeas, ei plurimum velle debere. Et mi rallegro assai del honore che vostra Reverentia a Venetia, & della stima che per tutta la Christianita si fa di lei, pregrandola affettuosissimamente di commandarmi in tutte occasioni oue saro capace di farui seruitio.

I libri de Conc. capitaranno, spero, senza disturbo nelle mani del Signor Daniel, amico mio & Compadre stimatissimo, chi sonogli ultimi dell' impressione. Si sara bisogno di piu, gli faremo stampar qui a Londra secondo che vostra Reverentia commandera. Io ho dato nelle mani del Corrispondente del Signior Daniel Nice duo libri nuouamente stampati per far un presente a vostra Reverentia

rentia, l' uno s' intitula Vindiciæ Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ, l' altero Defensio Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ contra M. Antonii de Dominis Domini Archiepiscopi Spalatensis injurias. Il primo e in folio, l' altero in quarto, pregandola, d' accettargli in buona parte, come testimonio del suo animo chi sarà sempre

Di vostra.

A Copy of a Letter to Padre Fulgentio.

Reverend Sir, my most Esteemed Friend,

I Hear that the Works of the Great Physician *Galen* are now in the Press at *Venice*. I desire you will be pleased to give me an account whether all his Works are to be printed, or some parts of them only; what sort of Notes and Dissertations will be added, what the Editor's Name, and in short, a full account of the Undertaking. There is no Person that can better inform himself in this matter, nor is there any to whom I have a greater desire to be obliged in this Particular, than your self, it being according to the saying, *A sign of a grateful Mind, to desire to be still more obliged by him, by whom a Man has been already much obliged.* I am extremely glad of the Honour which you have at *Venice*, and of the Reputation you have gain'd all Christendom over; and I heartily beg of you to command me upon all occasions wherein I may be capable of serving you. The

The Books of the Council will, I hope, come safely to Mr. *Daniel*, my Friend and much esteem'd Associate. These are the last Parts of the Work, and if there be occasion for any more, we will take care to have them printed here at *London*, as you shall direct. I have delivered to Mr. *Daniel Nice's* Correspondent, two Books lately printed, to be presented to you; the Title of the one is, *Vindiciæ Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ*, and of the other, *Defensio Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ contra M. Antonii de Dominis Domini Archiepiscopi Spalatensis injurias*; the one in Folio, the other in Quarto, desiring you to accept of them as a Token of his Affection, who will always approve himself,

S I R,

Yours, &c.

Salutem in Christo.

EN Concilium Tridentinum, vel potius Concilii Tridentini historiam, a Petro Suavi, seu potius Patre Paulo suavissime confectam, una cum notationibus marginalibus. Reliquas non adjeci, vel quia impeditus fui hoc tempore gravissimis negotiis, vel propter penuriam librorum. Caterum neq; multa sint, neq; magni momenti, & suo tempore resarcienda, (nisi valde fallit me conjectura mea.) Hunc librum commendo

commendo limatulo ac charitativo iudicio vestro. Mitto una librum chartaceum, purum putum, signandum manu Archiepiscopali, (hoc enim pollicita est Amplitudo sua) cum Testimonio munificentiae suae. Quamobrem si librum obtulerit Amplitudini suae, commodissimo tempore, vel Dominatio vestra, vel Dom. Doctor Goade, vel quis alius ex intimis, vel hac nocte, vel die crastino summo mane, rem gratissimam mihi faciet, totiq; Ecclesiae Anglicanae, cui labores meos susceptos & suscipiendos jam diu destinari, & operam meam qualemcumq; in historiam Concilii Tridentini adornandam, volens lubensq; communicabo, ut omnibus suis numeris, & quoad id fieri potest, emendatissima prodeat. Expecto per famulum meum animi vestri sententiam, & die crastino repetam librum cum gratiarum actione. Praesens obtulissem librum Reverendissimo Archiepiscopo, sed bis ipsum interpellavi hac septimana, nolo amplius molestus esse, prohibet pudor, tametsi tempus Parliamentarium dubium est, & negotium meum non patitur moras. Vale feliciter, Custos praestantissime, meq; inter tuos intimos amantissimos cole, amplectere, numerato. Dat. hoc ipso Augusti septimo, hora septima.

Il Veramente Vostro,

Tho. James Philo-Brentius.

To

*To the Worthy and my loving Friend Mr.
Warden of Merton College.*

Health in Christ,

I Here send you the Council of *Trent*, or rather the History of that Council, most harmoniously compos'd by *Peter Suavi*, or rather by *Father Paul*, together with the Marginal Notes. The rest of the Notes I have not added, being hindred partly through Multiplicity of weighty Business, and partly through want of Books: But these cannot be many, or of great weight, and (unless I am under a great Mistake) may be supply'd in due time. The Book I submit to your accurate and candid Judgment. I send along with it the Manuscript, just as I found it, that it may be sign'd by the Arch-Bishop's Hand (for thus his Grace was pleas'd to promise) with his gracious Testimonial. Wherefore if either your self, or *Dr. Goad*, or any other of your intimate Acquaintance, will present the Book to his Grace, either this Night, or very early to morrow morning, when it will be most seasonable, you will oblige both me and the whole Church of *England*, to whose Service I have dedicated both my past and future Labours, and will most readily do my ut-

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most Endeavours in publishing the History of the Council of *Trent*, that the Edition may be as perfect and exact as possible. I expect to hear by your Servant what your Thoughts are of it, and to morrow I will come for the Book, and bring my Thanks. I would have presented the Book in Person to his Grace; but I have waited on him twice this Week already, and am loth to be farther troublesom. I am asham'd to come so often, tho' I know not how soon the Parliament may meet, and my own Affairs are so pressing, that I must be forc'd to put a speedy end to this Affair. Farewel most excellent *Warden*, and put me in the number of your most Familiar and Affectionate Friends, who am

Yours with all Sincerity,

Tho. James.



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